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April 12, 1999

Hon. Sharpe James  
Mayor of Newark  
Newark City Hall  
Newark, NJ 07102

Dear Mayor James:

The MetroWest Jewish community is very troubled by the recent decision of City Council to employ Dr. Leonard Jeffries as a consultant. We enclosed a copy of the statement on this matter issued by the United Jewish Federation of MetroWest. We recognize the very limited role that you can have in this matter and appreciate your remarks to the Star-Ledger last week.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further thoughts on how our community may wish to respond to this issue.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David M. Mallach".

David M. Mallach  
Director  
Community Relations Committee

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## United Jewish Federation of MetroWest Statement on Dr. Leonard Jeffries Appointment as a Consultant by Newark City Council

The Jewish community of MetroWest is deeply dismayed at the recent decision of the Newark City Council to appoint Leonard Jeffries as a consultant. Whether or not he may have expertise on Ghana is not for us to judge. However, his speeches and writings on a wide range of inter-group relations in the US make him totally inappropriate to represent the City of Newark, much less in an international gathering.

For years, Dr. Leonard Jeffries has given voice to a wide range of anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic and anti-Gay prejudices. He has repeatedly expressed some of the most hateful sentiments heard in public forums in the Greater New York area. Whether in his infamous speech in Albany, NY, in 1991 or more recently in October 1995 in Washington, DC, he has appealed to hatred, and divisiveness. He has sought to give credibility to racially based views of people and has regularly attacked individuals who may disagree with him as "whites" or "faggots" rather than seeking to discuss issues.

We hope that the Newark City Council will rescind the decision to provide such an individual with a formal platform and the credibility of an official representative of the City of Newark. Newark is a true community bringing together people of widely diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds to live and work together and to share in raising the quality of life for all her citizens. The Jewish community is an active part of this effort and is dismayed to see an individual who has come to personify bigotry and prejudice be linked to these exciting new developments.

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